Southern Commercial Convention.

This body convened at Savannah on the 8th inst. and was called to order by Dr. Scriven, Mayor of the City, after which a prayer was offered up by Rt. Rev. Bishop Elliott. Hon. Tench Tilghman, of Md., the chairman of the former convention, of which this is an adjourned meeting, not being present, the convention was organized by appointing Dr. Scriven, Temporary Chairman, and Mr. Thackston, of Petersburg, Temporary Secretary. A committee of one from each State was appointed to report permanent officers. There were representatives present from Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Maryland, Alabama, Louisiana, South Carolina, Texas and Florida.

The Committee on permanent organization reported for President, James Lyons of Va.; for principal Secretary, N. B. Cloud, of Alabama, with Vice Presidents and Secretaries from the several States, Mr. Parks, of Charlotte, being Vice President from North Carolina, and Mr. Yates, of the same place, Assistant Secretary. Mr. Dortch, of Goldsboro', was on the committee on organization. The Convention adopted, as far as practicable, the rules of the House of his seat by Messis. McLeod, of Texas, Cochrane, of familiarity with military tactics. We have, at vari-Alabama, and Shaffer, of Virginia.

On taking his seat, the President made a short but him, and referring to the objects of the convention, which were not those of dissolution but of union-a union to be secured by securing to the South that development and independence necessary to the full equality, without which no real union could long subsist. He alluded to the struggle through which the country had passed, and to the threats of agitation against our institutions still rife at the North.

On motion, Hon. A. Dudley Mann, of Washington, of its members, and to take part in its deliberations. And, on further motion, the President was authorized to appoint a committee of 20 to report business for the action of the Convention. To this committee

tional items :

SAVANNAH, GA., Dec. 9th, 1856. MESSRS. FULTON & PRICE-Gentlemen :- Thinking to the business of the Convention, I have taken the brief, because little or nothing has yet been done in the way of business.

To-day has been consumed by resolutions of all kinds and on all subjects, from the re-opening of the slavetrade, to the admission of all editors in attendance The correspondence is as follows :on Convention as Secretaries of the meeting. I con- Dr. J. D. Bellamy and others. ceive that no subject of Commercial interest has as yet been introduced for the consideration of the Au-

lition of the Custom Houses and duties on imports, approaching election of Commissioners. and the substitution of direct taxation for the support | The proposition is: That each one of the parties

Our delegation is large, but will stand no compari- We respectfully and earnestly request that you of fellows, but are "some" to keep in check any tion. We shall be pleased to receive a reply at your vious year: at any time for anything that promises substantial by 12 o'clock, M., on Saturday, the 6th inst, we shall good to the South. The Convention is now fully organized. There

are about six hundred delegates from all parts of the South, and more are arriving every day.

G-Again, let us say that we will have no hand in getting up undue excitement or ill-feeling in connection with the approaching municipal election. If such be gotten up, it will not be by the Democrats. For our own part we mean to make no other reply to the exciting articles of the Herald on the proceedings of the Legislature than is contained in a publication of the whole laws complained of. They will be found, every word of them in our paper to-day .-To them we point the public as the best answer to meeting instructed the undersigned to reply, respect-

The now existing law is better in every way than abortive registration affair, more efficient in guarding the purity of the elective franchise and securing the rights of all. It dispenses with no necessary pre- tlemen thus chosen shall compose a ticket to be voted member that the registration law was no public safeguard. The registry book, after being closed was ic party in the town of Wilmington, are now, and of errors or illegal entries. Where, in crowded cities divided into wards, registration is a necessity, the list of registered votes in each ward or precinct proves that for that introduction the Democratic paris printed and stuck up for inspection during election day and before. Not so with our registration law. With all the entries on its face, correct or incorrect, it goes, or went, to the polls, unrevised and unscanned, so far as the public was concerned and really formed points to a fusion of parties, not to a waiver or abrolittle or no safe-guard; nothing equal to the existing gation of party lines in this matter, or a union of that they should say their say at once, and then they law requiring six months residence. Under the ex isting law, town taxes must be paid. That is as es- a party fusion, committing it, as a party, to a union sential to voting now as before.

making a fuss about that, since it is nothing new, but simply restoring the old order of things which existed harmonious and efficient administration of our town before the passage of a class of laws of which nobody affairs. knew anything until long after they had passed.—
Until a sort of special legislation changed things, the we are instructed to bring to your notice. Ever since of Boston, which foundered at sea, Oct. 16, while on the passed from Franklin La to Portland. They the County Court. It is now placed back there elections, the town government has been under the were rescued and taken to Havre by the ship Joshua

This excitement and warmth is so far all on one side. The Democrats keep cool, perhaps too much higgle over things. They are content with assigning the reasons for any course they may pursue and leaving the public to decide. So far their opponents beat the air.

in some of the papers that Hon. John H. Wheeer. our Minister to Nicaragua, had been peremptorily recalled. The fact is, that as matters now stand, our government has declined to receive any Minister from Nicaragua, not knowing which of the contending any or keep any there, not knowing to which of the parties he ought to be accredited. It is thus, and not led, if he is so.

The County Court for this county commenced its session his morning, James T. Miller, Esq., presiding. M. B. Smith, Esq., was duly qualified and entered upon the discharge of his duties as County Solicitor .- Daily Journal of the 8th inst.

Maxwell and James T. Morris, Inspectors of limber and Lumber, and P. M. Walker and James M. Stewenson, Inspectors of Flour and Forage.

A POLYTECHNIC SCHOOL .- Some days since we le of the same character with U. S. Military Academy with ourselves, but further inland.

tinction to mere teaching. It is their object practi- chigan. Two brigs and a schooner were wrecked in cally to educe, to draw out, the individual, not simply, for instance, to teach him engineering, but to in many places to the depth of six feet. The railmake him an engineer; not merely to drill him as a soldier, but to make him submit to the discipline, the restrictions and the wholesome privations of soldier-

So far as we have examined the subject, the opin- ly and severe winter. ion we have been led to form is highly favorable, and we trust that an act of incorporation will be passed by the Legislature now in session. The plan advocated by the author of the pamphlet, contemcapital of \$200.000.

It has always been one of our hobbies to get something better substituted for the very defective militia system of the State: a system which cannot, from the nature of things, either infuse a military spirit into Representatives. The President was conducted to the people, or impart to them any acquaintance or ous times, recommended the substitution of a small tax, to be collected as other taxes are, in place of the eloquent address, acknowledging the compliment paid troublesome and expensive muster. Troublesome it certainly is, and expensive it certainly must be to evthere are few who would not sooner pay a dollar a was invited to take a seat in the Convention as one applied to military or civil life, might be diffused 80. The amount paid by the State to Common Schools over the State.

The author of the pamphlet before us, figurative- by the State of North Carolina. ly-for actually somebody has carried it off, -but the namphlet under consideration, unquestionably exhib-Mr. Mann was added, making it 21. The Convenits a degree of familiarity with his subject far beexemplification of the system of gambling in stocks.

A message was sent to the House, transmitting the Public Treasurer's report, enclosing several Bank retion adjourned until 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning. youd anything to which we can lay claim. Still, we These are stock broking firms. They made contracts ports. Thus far we glean from the Savannah papers of think that the feature of making it, in some measure, to deliver millions worth of stocks at some future the 9th, which are the latest that have reached us .- a State institution, might be profitably added to his day at a certain rate per share, amounting in truth to We are indebted to the courtesy of a friend from this scheme, while a way is pointed out by which the ne- a bet that such stocks would not rule at such a time bill incorporating the French Broad Railroad. Mr. place for the following letter, containing some addi- cessity of imposing additional burdens on the people above such rates, for in such transactions no stocks Wilder, a bill to re-charter the Bank of the State.-may be avoided with advantage.

You will learn through the papers I enclose you, that Town. We do not mean to reply in the same strain, the Convention was organized on yesterday, and also but simply to lay the correspondence before the pubthe names of the officers, members of committees, etc. lic, so that it may judge of the reason, which influenced those to whom the proposition was addressed.

Members of the Ward Committees of the

Democratic party of the town of Wilmington : GENTLEMEN: The undersigned have been appoint-The only thing in any definite shape that has been ed a committee, on be half of the American party of presented, was contained in the remarks of Hon. Mr. the town, for the purpose of submitting a proposition do not own a share by way of investment. Bethoon of Georgia, relative to Free Trade-the abo- to the Democratic party of the town, relative to the

of the General Government in all its branches. He shall select three members, and these six gentlemen He is a gentleman of talents and an honor to his to be voted for by both parties at the next election 529. for Commissioners of the town.

wild schemes of hot-headed extremists, and on hand earliest convenience; and, failing to hear from you consider the proposition as declined.

MVery respectfully, your obd't. servi's., FRED'K. J. HILL, O. P. MEARES. JAMES F. POST. Wednesday, Dec. 3d, 1859. Committee.

WILMINGTON, Dec. 6th, 1856. MESSRS, F. J. HILL, O. P. MEAR

AND JAMES F. POST, COMMITTEE the approaching election for commissioners, was duly at \$5,100. Mr. Syme is expected to take personal received and laid before a meeting of the Ward Committees of the Democratic Association of the Town of Wilmington. After careful consideration, the fully declining to accede to the proposition.

The proposition submitted is in the following terms: "That each one of the parties shall select three members, and these six gentlemen shall meet and choose a seventh by lot; and that the seven gen-

The Ward Committees of the Democratic Association, in common with every member of the Democratdivision or undue excitement arising out of the introduction of party politics into our municipal af fairs, although the history of the times incontestably roduction, gentlemen were run for Commissioners simply as citizens, without reference to their position as politicians; but the proposition now submitted, citizens, as citizens, without regard to such lines of may get to work, relieved of the matter with which distinction. The Democratic party cannot consent to with any organization whose political views and ob-As for the Inspectors, it is hardly worth while jects are directly opposed to its most cherished principles; nor is it believed that an arrangement, formed upon such a basis as that proposed, could result in a from Cowes to the 20th ult., arrived here at noon .-

control of the organization which you represent, Mauran, from Mobile. to the total exclusion of any member of the Democratic party. For what has been done during that period of time-for the position of Town affairs so. At any rate, they are not going to squabble or at the present day, the party in power is entitled to the credit, or subject to the responsibility .-By consenting to a fusion of the character proposed, he Democratic party would be placed in the position of endorsing the course and assuming a joint responsibility for the acts of a town government from all OUR MINISTER TO NICARAGUA.-We see it stated participation in which its members had been excluded. This it is not prepared to do.

Very respectfully, your ob't serv'ts, ELI W. HALL, JOHN D. BELLAMY, JAMES FULTON.

It is proper to remark that the reply is published parties there, is the de facto ruling power, and, of from a rough draft, and not from any accurate copy course, not receiving any Minister, could not send On application to the Chairman of the Committee, we learned that this was the only copy he retained. He assures us that it differs little if at all in words and on any personal grounds that Col. Wheeler is recal- nothing in substance from the copy sent : of course the letter is in possession of the gentlemen to whom it was addressed, and if there be any errors they can easily rectify them.

FREE SUFFRAGE. -- So far as the Legislature is concerned, this measure has finally passed. It will be submitted to the people at the polls at the election in The County Court Wednesday chose Robert August next, for ratification or rejection. As there of the State after August.

Snow.-Sunday, about noon, or a little before, ceived from Messrs. E. J. Hale & Son, editors of the we noticed a few " spits " of snow, hardly enough to Favetteville Observer, a very neatly printed pam- be generally observed, but sufficient to establish the phlet, gotten up for gratuitous destribution; the ob fact that there was snow about. We feel pretty cerject of the writer being to urge upon the people of tain that there was plenty of it not far to the North the State, the establishment of a School in this State of us, and most probably also in the same latitude

We notice that on the 2nd inst. a terrible snow The idea of such Schools is education in contradis- storm swept over the great lakes, especially Lake Mi sight of Milwaukie, but the crews saved. Snow fell roads are blocked up, and the trains behind time .-The frost was heavier here last night than we recollect to have seen it before Christmas. It is proporticnably cold North, and everything points to an ear- the city of Raleigh.

174 electors cast for Mr. Buchanan. Although, in proposition to print. fact, the election of the 4th ult. decided the matter. and made Mr. Buchanan the President elect of the the electors might legally have cast their votes for any eligible parties, although, of course, nobody expected that they would do so in any other manner with a proposition to print. than as they were elected to do.

The European press does not like the result. would have been much better pleased had either Fill more or Fremont been chosen. It can't be helped.

PENNSYLVANIA FINANCES .- The receipts into the ery good member of society who has something to Treasury of Pennsylvania, for the Fiscal year endattend to, and with whom time is money. We think ing Nov. 30th, 1856, were, \$5,378,240 33; the payments at the Treasury for the same period of time vear than be bothered by militia duty or subjected to were \$5,377,142 22. Of these payments \$1.943,militia fines. From this tax a fund might be raised 896 82, was on account of public improvements, befor the encouragement of volunteer companies, and ing for the completion of works commenced long ago, the maintenance of an institution whence an acquain- but suspended on account of the stringency of the tance with military tactics and practical science, as times. Interest on public debt absorbed \$2,047.955. was \$199,715, but little greater than that distributed

STOCK GAMBLING .- The failure of Jacob Little & Co, in New York, and the Henshaws in Boston, is an We notice that the Herald of Monday has a price and the actual price is alone paid. Had the that you would be anxious to learn something rela- very excited appeal against the Democratic party of stocks gone down below the specified rates, then the the Town of Wilmington, because of its declining to deliverers would have received the difference. It and the members \$300 per session with \$5 per day liberty of writing you a letter, which is necessarily accede to a proposition made last week with reference turns out that they have gone up, and consequently for extra session.] Mr. Thomas, of Jackson, a bill to to the approaching election for Commissioners of the deliverers will have to pay. This, these parties

> contracts to deliver, say a million's worth of stock | Sukey, slaves. three months after the sale, at a certain rate, immediately goes to work to cry it down and injure its credit, and he who is to receive it goes to work to puff it man, Bryant, Christian, Ramsey, Dockery, and J. W. up. The result is that the property of bona fide hold- Thomas. The bill was rejected-yeas 17, nays 25 ers is thus exposed to the machinations of mere gamblers, who have only a speculative interest, and

The Exports of the fiscal year ending June 30th 1856, exceed those of the previous year, \$73,586,-916. The nett imports exceed those of the previous is down upon all tariffs, and from them traces all of shall meet and choose a seventh, by lot, and that the year by \$64,083,161. The nett exports of specie for Judiciary Committee to inquire into the expediency our commercial disasters, reverses and difficulties. seven gentlemen thus chosen shall compose a ticket, 1856, were \$41,536,863; for 1855, they were 52,590,-

The classification of the Domestic Exports of the son in numbers with the delegations from some of our will take such immediate steps as may be necessary country is singularly interesting for the magnitude of sister States. We are all right—a say-nothing kind to obtain a decision of your party upon this proposi-

The Raleigh Register		\$192,751,235 n from the
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Standard that the Register establishment, exposed to to the passage of fish. GENTLEMEN: - Your communication of the 3rd public sale in Raleigh on Friday last, was bid off for instant, containing a proposition with reference to John W. Syme, Esq., of the Petersburg Intelligencer, charge of the paper some time next month.

Mr. Syme has had long experience and has acquired an enviable reputation in his profession, as genial and genilemanly editor, generally speaking devoid of personal bitterness, and eschewing person-

Congress.-The proceedings of the Senate and caution, and allows of the neglect of no necessary for by both parties at the next election for commission and allows of the neglect of no necessary for by both parties at the next election for commission and allows of the neglect of no necessary for by both parties at the next election for commission and allows of the neglect of no necessary for by both parties at the next election for commission and allows of the neglect of no necessary for by both parties at the next election for commission and allows of the neglect of no necessary for by both parties at the next election for commission and allows of the neglect of no necessary for by both parties at the next election for commission and allows of the neglect of no necessary for by both parties at the next election for commission and allows of the neglect of no necessary for by both parties at the next election for commission and allows of the neglect of no necessary for by both parties at the next election for commission and allows of the neglect of no necessary for by both parties at the next election for commission and allows of the neglect of no necessary for by both parties at the next election for commission and allows of the neglect of no necessary for by both parties at the next election for commission and allows of the neglect of no necessary for by both parties at the next election for commission and allows of the neglect of no necessary for by both parties at the next election for commission and the next publicans and defence of it by the Democrats. In the Senate, Mr. Bigler, of Pennsylvania, made an not made public in any way tending to the detection always have been, anxious to avoid any unnecessary elaborate and interesting speech in support of the views of the message, and in vindication of the position taken by the Pennsylvania Democracy. Messrs. Wade, Trumbull and Collamer, spoke on the other ty is not in any measure responsible, having had no side. In the House of Representatives, L. D. Campagency in bringing it about. Previous to such in- bell, of Ohio, made the main onslaught on the message and on the Democrats generally.

No business was done in either house. Perhaps, since gentlemen must go through this talk, it is better

Arrival of the Steamer Arago. NEW YORK, Dec. 5 .- The steamer Arago, from Havre, with dates from that port to the 19th, and dates She brings \$45,000 in specie. She passed, on the 25th of November, in lat. 40 38, long. 34 10, the

Failure of a Rice Dealer, &c. dealer is announced this evening. His liabilities are the Committee on Propositions and Grievances said to reach \$150,000, all to Charleston houses. The Evening Post has a despatch stating that Mr. Wheeler, our Minister to Central America, has been concerning the inspection of Turpentine. recalled.

Heavy Fallure.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 .- It is rumored here that Jacob and third times and passed. Little, the well known stock broker of this city, has failed to meet his liabilities, to an immense amount. Another Fallure.

Boston, Dec. 5 .- The firm of Samuel Henshaw & Sons, Bankers, failed this morning. Liabilities large. Mr. Henshaw, Sr., % trustee of the Portland Railroad, and is connected with various other roads.

Serious Charge. NEW YORK, Dec. 7th .- Two brothers doing a brokerage business in Chatham street, under the name of Tailor & Brother, have been arrested on the charge of being extensive dealers in counterfeit money .-Thirty thousand dollars in spurious bills of banks in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, were found on their premises.

and it is unnecessary to add that the river is now in admirable boating order-in fact, there seems to be a superfluity of water every where. The "Creek"

Mont. Advertiser, Tuesday.

THE ALABAMA RIVER BOOMING .- It has been rain-

ing almost incessantly for the last two or three days,

From our Raleigh Correspondent. RALEIGH, Dec. 6, 1856.

SENATE-The Senate did not assemble until after 11 o'clock. There was no business of any inter- Raleigh. Governor and Mrs. Bragg issued cards of est transacted after the reading of the journal, until invitation for that evening. The numbers that rethey left the Senate Chamber for the House. On sponded to the call proved how deep the popularity their return they immediately adjourned until Mon-

HOUSE OF COMMONS-After the presentation of reports from the Standing Committees, the following bills were introduced and referred to the appro-

Mr. Little, a bill defining the boundaries between Richmond and Montgomery counties. Mr. Hauck, a drawing forth impromptu flashes of wit and humor bill providing for the election of a Special Magistrate and rich viands to tempt the taste of those who prefor the county of Rowan, to be resident in Salisbury Mr. Routh, a bill to extend the corporate limits of

A communication from the President and Directors of the North Carolina Railroad Company was, on 05- Of course the die is now cast, and the votes of motion of Mr. Erwin, sent to the Senate, with

The Free Suffrage Bill, being the special order o the day, was taken up and passed its third reading plates the formation of a joint stock company, with a United States; yet, in law, no election of President the final passage of the bill by a constitutional matook place until the first Wednesday in December, jority, Mr. D. F. Caldwell rose and recorded his solwhen the votes of the electoral colleges were cast; as emn protest against the measure, which caused some the night. Few, very few, State Capitals could match amusement among the members. A communication from the President of the Com-

A number of engrossed bills were received from

the Senate, and passed their first reading. On motion of Mr. Hill, of Halifax, the engrossed bill providing for the distribution of the public laws was amended, and the rules being sucpended, the bill was read the second and third times and passed.

At 12 o'clock, the Senators, preceded by their Speaker and Chief Clerk, entered the House, and, being seated on the Speaker's right, the Speaker of the Senate presiding, tellers were appointed, and the counties called over alphabetically. The official returns give Bragg 57,098; Gilmer, 44,972; Bragg's majority, 12,126. The Senate then returned to their Pasquotank, appointed Secretaries. Mr. Rayner be-

After which the House adjourned.

RALEIGH, Dec. 8, 1856 SENATE .- Mr. Coleman, from the Judiciary Com mittee, reported favorably on the bill dividing the State into eight judicial districts. On motion of Mr Speight, the door-keepers were

ordered to furnish the reporters with copies of al bills and other matters ordered to be printed.

The following bills were introduced and referred to the appropriate standing committees:

really pass, but the difference between the contract Mr. Houston, a bill to increase the pay of members of the General Assembly and the clerks thereof .-[This bill repeals the present law fixing the pay of members, and provides for paying the Speaker \$400. amend the charter of the Tuckasege and Alleghany Turnpike Company. Mr. Thomas, of Jackson, a re-The worst of this gambling is that the man who Welch. Mr. Brogden, a bill to emancipate Sam and solution in layor of David Taylor and Elizabeth

The bill to establish the county of Alleghany was taken up. Messrs Eaton, Cameron, and Pool, opposed the bill, which was defended by Messrs. Cole-The Senate then adjourned. HOUSE OF COMMONS .- The Speaker presented

a communication from the public Treasurer, enclosing Rayner's fri nds. We were unable to catch the purreports from the Bank of the State of North Carolina, port of some resolutions which were read. Mr. March, of Davie, was qualified, and took his

Mr. Gilliam introduced a resolution instructing the of providing for the searching of vessels trading between this State and Northern ports, to prevent the escape of slaves.

Mr. Badham introduced a resolution that no bill requiring an appropriation or endorsement of State bonds, shall be passed until after the House shall receive the report of the Finance Committee. Mr. Badham made some forcible remarks on the necessity of economy, and stated that the public mind had undergone a change in respect to internal improvement. The Speaker decided that, under the rules of the House, the resolution should lie over one day. Mr Badham appealed from the decision, but afterwards withdrew it. The resolution lies over.

Mr. Stubbs introduced a bill to give Courts of Equity jurisdiction in certain cases of disputed boun-

and argumentative appeal in favor of, not only Fay- and shall have resided in said town six months next etteville, but the Southern country generally. Not a preceding such election, and are otherwise qualified acter which made Mr. Shepherd the unanimous choice or persons holding or managing any such election, blissfull, as his career as President, has been triumand the present distressed state of Fayetteville; af- in any such election, for the purpose of ascertaining sclock; at which time the Electors reassembled,

After the final passage of some private bills, the bill granting the public lands in Watauga county, for the construction of roads, was read the third time - much of the 8th Section, Chapter 60th of the Revised Mr. Martin introduced the following resolutions

A few bills, formerly noticed on their second reading, were then read the third time, and sent to the After which the House adjourned.

RALEIGH, Dec. 9th, 1856. SENATE. - Several reports were presented from the standing committees.

A motion, by Mr. Christian, to reconsider the vote by which the bill to create a new county named Aleghany was defeated yesterday, was, after some debate, rejected .- Ayes 16, navs 28. The Committee on Internal Improvements reported and regularly thereafter at the March term of said favorbly on the following bills

A bill to amend the charter of the Charlotte and Fayetteville Plank Road. A bill to amend the charter of the Tuckasage Turnpike Company. A bill to amend the charter of the Fayetteville and Western tees to be paid for the same. Plank Road Company. A bill to amend the charter of Jonathan's Creek Turnpike Company, and a bill

thorize Turnpike and Plank Road Companies to use stone and gravel in the repair of their roads. On motion of Mr. Battle, the bill to make the Wil-

mington and Weldon Railroad the line! between the NEW YORK, Dec. 5.- The failure of a large rice counties of Nash and Edgecombe, was referred to Mr. Houston presented a report from the Commit-

> On motion of Mr. Cunningham, the bill granting a sight for a U. S. Hospital, was taken up, and, the 1856. rules being suspended, the bill was read the second

A message was received from the House, with reports from the directors of the Western N. C. Railroad, and the Directors of the Cape Fear and Deep River Navigation Company.

The bill to incorporate the town of Salem, was read second and third times and passed. The bill to lay off the State into eight judicial districts, was made the order of the day for Thursday

Mr. Brogden introduced a bill to incorporate the Bank of Goldsboro' The following bills passed their second reading: A bill to amend the act incorporating the Wilmington Savings Bank. A bill to amend the charter of

the Western Plank Road Company. A bill to authorize the Inspectors of Naval Stores, in the town of Wilmington, to guage the article of Turpentine. The bill amending the charter of the Fayetteville and Western Plank Road Company, was read the second and third times and passed.

deavor to avoid a similar disappointment.

For the Journal. RALEIGH, Dec. 6, 1856. On Friday night the Executive mansion was crowd. ed by the be, uty and talent at present assembled in

of our Governor has pervaded all classes of society. Party lines were forgotten; political bickering hushed, and the rich and the poor assembled to pay their respects to the most popular Chief Magistrate that ( ever filled the executive chair of North Carolina .-The Governor, "upon hospitable thoughts intent." had profusely provided for the enjoyment of all .-Spirit-stirring music for youthful hearts who love the merry dance-rich sparkling wines flowed freely,

fer the luxuries of life to its amusements. Mrs Bragg received her numerous guests with a graceful urbanity which won the admiration of those present, and added to the happiness of all. In one saloon the " beautiful and brave " passed the flying hours in the exhilerating waltz and the graceful cotillon; in another, the melting strains of a beautiful songstress gathered around her a charmed auditory-even the votaries of Bacchus paused in their libations to the rosy god to listen, with breathless attention, to the thrilling strains of the witching syren.

But the supper table was the crowning glory of the dazzling array of beauty which surrounded it and met the hewildered eye on every side. The delighted mercial Bank of Wilmington was sent to the Senate guests lingered long around it, and the "small hours" of the morning were passed before they tore them selves away. Memory will ever cherish this festive scene, and feel grateful to our talented Governor and his accomplished lady for the fleeting but happy Nothing to intimidate us, no scene of violence before

For the Journal RALEIGH, December 9th, 1856. The Commons Hall was filled last night by persons anxious to hear Mr. Rayner's answer to the charges brought against him. Mr. A. Dockery was called to the Chair, Messrs. Harrison of Wake, and Mann of ing called upon, commenced by comparing himself to Paul before Agrippa, and likened the Democrats to the persecuting Jews. He then burst into a bitter invective against his political opponents, whom he designated as "jail birds," "cross road bucksters," " bull dogs" and " blood bounds," with many other rhetorical ornaments of more strength than elegance. He drew a contrast between Napoleon and himself. both fighting against united millions, but expressed himself satisfied; such was always the fate of great men, who were in advance of their age and benefactors of mankind. This modest eulogium did not satisfy him until he finished his illustrations by stating he was like Prometheus, chained to a rack, with Democratic vultures tearing his liver. His occasional appeals to the prejudices of his partizans drew forth partial applause. But his evidently labored statedistinctions between "Union" and "Fusion," were heard in ominous silence Mr. R. evidently felt this, for the remainder of his speech was in a more subdued tone. His final appeal, " not for a justification of his acts or an endorsement of his conduct," but for the meeting to bear witness to the "purity of his mon, the glories and traditions of our forefathers, and motives was evidently addressed to the feelings, not above all the requirements of the constitution. the judgment of his audience. He sat down evidenty dissatisfied either with himself or his hearers. Mr. Outlaw responded to a call, by complaining his name was used without his authority, and declined making a speech. After repeated calls, Mr. Miller came for-

Mr. Rayner's defense was a complete failure ;-not a new fact was elicited, not a glimmer of ight was thrown on the subject, no charge was rebutte. Therefore no just cause was shown why the verdict pronounced by the people and press of North Carolina against Mr. Rayner should be set aside. Nothing remains for that gentleman, but, like the Roman Tyrant of old, to fold his robe gracefully and yield him to his fate. Paul Napoleon Prometheus Rayner the benefactor of mankind, is politically dead. "Peace

ward and earnestly defended the " American " party

generally, from the charge of Abolitionism. His only

would be found in the front ranks defending her .-

To repeal the 11th Section of the Act passed in 1854-'55, entitled " An Act to empower the Commissioners of the town of Wilmington to establish streets in said town, and for other purposes."

Section 1st. Be it enacted by the General Assembly President of the United States' Senate, in Washingof the State of North Carolina, and the same is hereby ton engeted by the authority of the same: That the 11th Mr. Avery offered the following resolutions which Section of the Ac! passed by the General Assembly in 1854-55 entitled "An Act to empower the Com-Mr. Reeves introduced a bill to open Yadkin river missioners of the Town of Wilmington to establish streets in said Town and for other purposes," be and The bill to aid in the construction of the Western the same is hereby repealed.

efforts in favor of the bill. It was an eloquent, able of said town who shall have paid their town taxes, government. topic was left untouched which had a bearing on the to vote for members in the House of Commons, shall the sincere wish of every patriotic heart in the repubsubject. The speech fully sustained that high char- be entitled to vote in said election; and the person lie, that the close of his life may be as serene and of the Democratic party for his present position .- are hereby authorized and empowered (if required) phant and prosperous. Mr. Tomlinson bore witness to the former prosperity to administer an oath to any person offering to vote duct said election in all other respects as in the election certificates as ready for signing. The same were tion of Members of the General Assembly,

SECTION 3RD. Be it further enacted: That so messenger, with instructions. Amendments to insert other counties were voted down | Code as vests the appointment of two inspectors of which were unanimously adopted: flour, provisions, forage, &c., in the Commissioners of said town, be and the same is hereby repealed. SECTION 4TH. Be it further enacted : That said their chamber.

inspectors shall hereafter be appointed by the County Court of New Hanover at the next ensuing County Court after the passage of this Act, in [like] man the able and courteous manner in which they have ner as inspectors of naval stores are now appointed. discharged the daties of the various positions as sign-SECTION 5TH. Be it further enacted : That the in- ed them, spectors so appointed shall hold and discharge the duties of their office until the March term of the County Court in the year 1858: at which time a new appointment shall be made for the term of two years.

Court in each alternate year. Section 6th. Be it further enacted: That said Court shall have the right to specify what articles shall be inspected, the mode of inspection, and the SECTION 7TH Be it further enacted : That this act

shall take effect from and after its passage. Read three times and raitified in General Assembly marks, and the Resolutions, met a cordial response on the 5th day of December, A. D., 1856.

J. G. SHEPHERD, Speaker of the House of Commons. W. W. AVERY, Speaker of the Senate. STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, Office of Secretary of State

I, William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the tee to whom it had been referred, in favor of the bill foregoing is a true copy of the original on file in this Given under my hand, this 6th day of December.

Secretary of State. A WALKING JEWEL CASE. - The Moscow corres-

pondent of the London Times gives a portrait of Prince Esterhazy as he appeared at his own state ball; "He was dressed with all that wonderful and in connection with the treasurership-among them yet tasteful magnificence which has made his name famous; the dark sable-trimmed pelisse, with streams and lakes of diamonds and pearls studding every fold and filtering through every crevice, the color of which, whether puce, or black, or deep blue; I cannot determine; the tunic covered from throat to waste Albany Evening Journal of Thursday says: with orders in diamonds, crosses and badges of knighthood, ribands and stars, and precious stones; the purple or mareon colored boots crusted with pearls and diamonds, and the sword with its hilt a very mirror of light." In some countries the Prince would be denomina-

ted a "snob." GAS WORKS IN CITIES.—The London Times is re- ladies fainted, and during the confusion the perpetra-

works in cities. It quotes from the mortality statis-On motion of Mr. Speight, the Senate adjourned. tics of London to show that in the districts where HOUSE OF COMMONS.—I regret being unathe gas houses are located, the proportion of deaths appears to be no doubt of its ratification, we may will doubtless refuse to remain within its "pent-up ble to forward this day's proceedings in the House, to the population is nearly twice that of other dis. last visit yesterday, you know I told you, you had but I will supply the deficiency to-morrow, and en- tricts, with no other cause for the difference but the but six hours to live. "Yes, I know you did, doctor. disagreeable and deadly effluvia from the gas works. | but I did not take the dose you left me."

Electoral College of North-Carolina On Wednesday, the 3d instant, the Electors to vote for President and Vice President of the United States assembled in the Senate chamber of the capitol, in Raleigh. The following gentlemen, being the whole number of Electors, were present:

For the State at Barge: HENRY M. SHAW, of Currituck, SAMUEL P. HILL, of Caswell.

Ist District, WM. F. MARTIN, of Pasquotank,
2d "WM. J. BLOW, of Pitt,
3d "M. B SMITH, of New Hanover,
4th "GASTON H. WILDER, of Wake,
5th "S. E. WILLIAMS, of Alamance,
6th "THOS. SETTLE, Jr., of Rockingham,
7th "R. P. WARING, of Mecklenburg,
Sth "W. W. AVERY, of Burke.
On motion of Mr. Blow Sampal P. Hill of Districts:

On motion of Mr. Blow, Samuel P. Hill, of Cas. well County, was appointed to preside over the Col. lege; who, being conducted to the Chair, returned

his thanks for the honor in the following address: Electors for the State of North-Carolina : I thank you for the honor conferred of selecting me to preside over your deliberations.

We have assembled to discharge the highest and most impressive duty known or performed, for a soy. ereign State, by any of her citizens—to vote for a ruler over this confederacy, in place of him who now occupies that place, and whose setting sun is as lus. trous as its rising, and whose future life will be looked to by the citizens of the Union with interest

By the requirements of the federal constitution, it

is imperative that some one be selected to whonfshall

be transferred the power of executing the laws of the

land. The manner in which this duty is discharged

us, but calmly and quietly in this small chamber surrounded by the people and their representatives, we assist to take one from the walks of private life and place him in a position than which none is more honorable among the sons of men. Nor does this change produce a derangement of the social system or a destruction of the machinery of the government On the contrary, the laws will be as effective, the citizen as secure in all of his rights, and property of all its protection, as if our action to-day was ordinary in its character and limited in its results. Yet, it is of a magnitude to be weighed in no earthly balances, and of a value assignable by no human calculus. Fanaties hostile to one section of the Union. have disturbed the quiet harmony and sisterly affection heretofore entwining the States together, and have proceeded to that fearful extent, that many good men were almost prepared to lift aside the dark veil of disunion and see what lay beyond. Let us trust that our action to-day will aid in arresting, at least for a season, the fiery flood of fanaticism, instill courage into the weak, and give quiet and high hopes to the heart of the patriot, that one further step is

taken for the preservation of the Union. Nor is it an insignificant cause of congratulation that other States have come to the rescue when danment of his Philadelphia proceedings—his wire drawn ger was abroad in the land, and forebodings as to the future safety of the reguliic were stealing slowly but surely over the hearts of the people; while, on the contrary, it is a matter of profound sorrow, that other States seem to have forgotten the obligations they owed the South, the interests we have in com-

> States to do that which is right and refrain from that which is wrong, and thereby preserve a republic upon whose preservation hangs the happiness and prosperity of an intelligent and great natior. Mr. Settle moved that, for the further organization of the College, Quent. Busbee, of the City of Raleigh,

But let us humbly hope that the Great Author of

all Good will incline the hearts of the people of these

allusion to Mr. Rayner, was that he felt convinced, in case the North invaded the South, that gentlemen be requested to act as their Secretary. A communication from his Excellency Gov. Bragg was then read, after which,

Mr. Shaw moved that the College proceed to vote by ballot for President of the United States, and he nominated therefor James Buchanan, of Pennsylvania. The ten votes of the State were then cast for James Buchanan, under the superintendence of Mes-

srs. Williams and Waring, tellers. Upon this result being announced, Mr. Avery moved that the College proceed to vote for Vice President of the United States, and he nominated therefor John C. Breckinkidge, of Kentucky. The ten votes of the State were then cast for John C. Breckinsidge, the same gentlemen acting as tellers. On motion of Mr. Shaw, a committee of two was appointed to superinted the signing, sealing, and di-

recting the certificates of the votes-Messrs, Shaw and Avery composed the committee. Edward G. Haywood, of the City of Raleigh, on motion of Mr. Wilder, was appointed messenger to take charge of and delive: the list of votes to the

were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Electoral College of North-Carolina, on behalf of the Demogratic voters in this State, tender to Gen. Franklin Pierce, President of Railroad was taken up. Mr. Badham moved to lay Section 2nd. Be it further enacted: That here the signal devotion to the constitutional rights of all it on the table. By leave of the House, Mr. Shep- after in the election of the Commissioners for the States of the Union, exhibited by him, during herd vacated the Chair, and made one of his happiest Town of Wilmington, all persons who are citizens his entire administration of the affairs of the general

Resolved further, That the President will carry

then signed, and one copy thereof delivered to the Resolved, That the thanks of this Electoral College

are herewith tendered to the Senate, for the use of Resolved, That the thanks of the Electors are likewise tendered to the President and Secretary for

The College then adjourned.

The occasion was one of deep interest, a large number of persons being present. The action of the College was marked by much dignity of manner .-When the names of BUCHANAN and BRECKIN-RIDGE were announced, there was general and enthusiastic applause among the speciators.

Mr. Avery, upon offering the Resolutions in relation to FRANKLIN PIERCE, spoke for some minutes with much animation and elequence. His rein the hearts of all present .- Raleigh Standar From Mexico .-- Surrender of Vidaurri.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 2 .- The Mexican Consul at this city has official advices from Matamoras stating that Vidaurri had succumbed and entered into a treaty with General Lunda, acknowledging Common fort's government, and promising obedience. Removal and Appointment. WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 - The Star says that Judge

Lecompt of Kansas has been removed and James U. Harrison of Kentucky appointed to fill the vacancy.

The new opera house in Philadelphia is to be a su perb affair, from all accounts. It has been stated that Mr. E. A. Marshall, of the Broadway Theatre, New York, is to take the managerial reigns and several pro-minent men in the business have been named Mr. Joseph Murphy, of Philadelphia, a gentleman whose energy and experience eminently qualify him

for the position. CLOSE OF NAVIGATION .-- It is stated that navigation closed at Bangor, Maine, on Sunday last. The

Jack Frort on Tuesday night laid an injunction upon the New York canals and suspended navigation for the season. A miscreant in Kentucky recently perpetrated the following in the company of several ladies :- "What did Adam and Eve do when they were expelled from

the garden of Eden ?" "They raised Cain!" The

tor made his escape, and hasn't been heard of since. "My dear madam," said a doctor to his patient .-